

**CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 17A-1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, SPOKANE COUNTY,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17 ENTITLED "LODGING
TAX", BY ADDING A SECTION RELATING TO THE LODGING TAX
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty Lake, through Ordinance No. 17, enacted on June 26, 2001, collects a special excise tax of 2% on the sale or charge made for the furnishing of lodging within the City of Liberty Lake;

WHEREAS, this lodging tax, pursuant to state law, may only be used for certain purposes which relate to expending funds for the cost of tourist promotion, acquisition of tourism-related facilities or operation of tourism-related facilities as further defined in RCW Chapter 67.28; and

WHEREAS, RCW Chapter 67.28.1817 provides that when a city attains a population of 5,000 or more persons, the city shall establish a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations on the use of the lodging tax funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Spokane County, Washington, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Amendment. There is hereby added to ordinance 17 a new section 8 as follows:

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: The City Council shall establish a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee consisting of five (5) members. Two members of the Committee shall be representatives of businesses required to collect the tax and, at least, two members shall be persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by the collected revenue. The City shall solicit recommendations for membership on the Committee from organizations representing businesses that collect the tax, and organizations that are authorized to receive funds under this chapter. The fifth member of the Committee shall be an elected official of the City. Annually, the membership of the Committee shall be reviewed.

The Mayor shall nominate, and the Council shall confirm, the persons and the Council member serving on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Nominations shall state the term of Committee membership. Appointments shall be for one and two year terms.

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee shall conduct its business under the Open Public Meetings Act, with notice of its meeting(s) posted at City Hall and published at least once in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Committee shall follow Roberts Rules of Order, with Minutes identifying the matters and action taken by the Advisory Committee. The meeting shall be public, with an opportunity to hear from persons who are interested in the use and expenditure of the tourism promotion fund. The Advisory Committee may adopt rules and an agenda for the conduct of its business. The City elected official appointed to the Advisory Committee shall serve as Chair.

Following its meeting(s) and action, the Advisory Committee shall submit its written recommendations on the use and expenditure of the tourism promotion fund to the City Council for final action. The City Council may act on the recommendations as submitted by the Advisory Committee, or amend it pursuant to its sole discretion.

Section 2. Section Amendment. For purposes of convenience, the Sections in Ordinance 17 may be renumbered to add this amendment.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason or should any portion of this ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

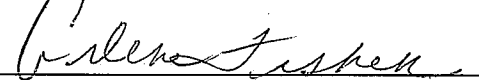
Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after publication of the ordinance or a summary thereof occurs in the official newspaper of the City of Liberty Lake as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council this 21st day of February, 2006.




David Crump, Council Member for
Mayor Steve Peterson

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Treasurer, Arlene Fisher

Approved as to Form:



City Attorney, Stanley Schwartz

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